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1. IT IS EMBASSY'S TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT THAT GOCR WOULD REACT FAVORABLY TO UP-DATE OF 1970 STUDY, PARTICULARLY IF UP-DATE WERE TO RE-EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF CONVENTIONALLY-EXCAVATED CANAL PASSING PARTIALLY THROUGH COSTA RICA. THERE IS CONTINUING INTEREST HERE IN POSSIBILITIES OF INCREASED TRANS-SHIPMENT VIA "LAND BRIDGE" BETWEEN CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC PORTS. SUCH INTEREST IN EXPLOITING COSTA RICA'S GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION IS LIKELY TO EXTEND TO ANY REVIVAL OF THE SEA LEVEL CANAL CONCEPT, AND WOULD PROBABLY HELP GENERATE COOPERATIVE GOCR ATTITUDE.

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